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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the PTO/SB/08A form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), the non-english language references cited herein are believed to be relevant as they relate to protective devices for drink cans.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3120 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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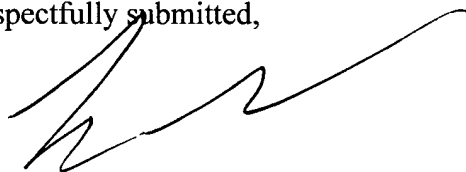
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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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